



Review Week 3 - Storms - Mark 4:35-41, Matthew 14:22-33

Storms are sure to be a part of our life as believers

- a. Some due to our own foolishness and disobedience (Jonah 1:1-4).
 - b. God can send them our way to teach us, draw us close to Him and put everything in perspective
 - c. Satan can attempt to attack us
 - d. There are normal storms. It rains on the just & unjust (Matt. 5:45), John 16:33
- Jesus said that trials and tribulation are just a part of living in the world we do.

1. Watch, be careful the decisions you make during a storm.
2. Have Patience in a storm as you respond. *James 1:4*
3. Character is revealed in a crisis, not made in a crisis. Romans 5:3-5
4. Get Godly, correct counsel in the midst of a storm. Proverbs 24:6, Proverbs 12:15
5. A storm can make you or break you! Peter, did he walk on the water again? vs. 32
6. Don't depend upon or trust in circumstances.
7. Build on the right, the only sure, the solid foundation! Matt. 7:24-27, 1 Corinthians 3:11

The first anchor in a crisis is the presence of God. never leave or forsake us — Hebrews 13:5

The second anchor in a crisis is the purpose of God. - The third anchor is the promise of God.

Week 4 - "Mile Markers and Mile Stones" Joshua 4:1-24 the Jordan river & the 12 stones

Multiple Milestones on the journey of God's people:

Moses' instruction to Joshua (Deut, 27, Joshua 8) - Jacob and Bethel (Genesis 28) - David and Goliath (I Samuel 17)

Elijah and the prophets of Baal and of the Asherah groves. (I Kings 18)

Jesus - The main milestone of our salvation is the lamb of God, we are now living stones 1 Peter 2:4

Celebrate! - Reiterate - Evaluate - Educate - Investigate - Meditate - Terminate - Recalibrate - Graduate – Navigate - Dedicate - yourself to continuing the journey, including the storms, detours, and road

Milestones for G.R.O.W.T.H.

G-Go to God in Prayer daily (Acts 2:42 NIV)

R-Read God's word daily (Josh 1:8 NIV) 2 Timothy 2:15

O-Obey God moment by moment (John 14:21)

W-Witness for Christ by your life and lips

- Worship God in a local church (Heb 10:25)

T-Trust God for every detail of your life (Prov 3:5)

H-Follow the leading of the Holy Spirit daily (John 16:7 NIV)

The Journey, Part 5 - People Matter - 3/8/15

Mark 12:28-34, Matthew 19:16-19, Matthew 22:34-40, Romans 13:8-10 We will inevitably _____ many different people on our _____ through life.

2 Common things in every person; 1. they are _____ in God's _____, and next,

THEY _____ TO GOD If people matter to God then they must _____ to God's _____. John 3:16-17 Amp

Discuss this quote - " _____ who enters your life is meant to be a part of your journey. Some people come into your life as a _____, some come as a _____." Thoughts, Examples?

- **Influence is** a _____ to affect persons or events
- causing something without any direct or apparent effort
- have and exert influence or effect;
- a cognitive factor that tends to have an effect on what you do
- determine: _____ or influence; give direction to
- the effect of one thing (or person) on another; "All _____ is influence, nothing more, nothing less" - John Maxwell

History - Who are/were the most influential people of all time? Discuss thoughts why these:
10. Albert Einstein - 9. Christopher Columbus - 8. Johannes Gutenberg - 7. Cai Lun -
6. St. Paul the Apostle - 5. Confucius - 4. Siddhartha Gautama "Buddha" - 3. Jesus Christ
2. Sir Isaac Newton - 1. Mohammed

What makes a person _____ in our lives or us in someone else's life? Our _____ with others.
Prov 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend. NKJV
1 Cor 15:33 Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."NKJV

Jim Rohn: "You are the average of the five people you spend the most time with."

Take a moment to reflect on the following: Who are the people you spend most time with? Do they elevate you or bring you down? Do they motivate or drain you? Do we hang out with, are we ourselves " _____ people" or " _____ dwellers". Are we moving people up or shoving them down?

1. Become genuinely _____ in other people-
2. Be good listener. Encourage others to talk about themselves-
3. Remember it's not about you. Jesus was always _____ with the other person
4. Be _____ - share your story, your journey.
5. Admit your _____ quickly- be willing to be vulnerable and real
6. Show respect for the other person's opinion.

Perhaps one of the less emphasized matters of concern in the life of a Christian is the power of influence of and with other people.

These are considered the five most influential characters in bible according to one study/survey:
Discuss who you think was the most influential (outside of Jesus), and why, then why Jesus...

5. **Abraham** the father of faith and ancestor of nations.
4. **Satan** - the devil, the source of evil.
3. **Adam** & Eve, the first humans and the ancestors of the human race.
2. **Moses** The entire Old Testament hinges on the law given by God to Moses. great leader
1. **Jesus**
Daniel's influence - read Daniel 6:24-28

Proverbs 13:20 Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

Proverbs 22:24 Don't befriend angry people or associate with hot-tempered people, **25** or you will learn to be like them and endanger your soul. New Living Translation

"Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing." — Albert Schweitzer

Children are more influenced by sermons you _____ than by sermons you _____. David McKay

Read and comment on Matthew 5:13-16 in the Message

What kind of influence have you been, will you be? For your children, family, friends, co-workers?

Will your life reflect the fact that on your journey, "People Matter"?